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7. (Amended) A method of using the composition as defined in Claim 1 for preserving a plant with keeping the freshness thereof, comprising the steps of:

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- a) obtaining a sample comprising said composition, where said composition is in the form of aqueous solution or powder; and
 - b) applying said sample onto the plant.

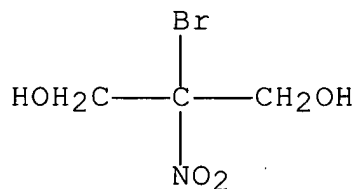
Please add the following claims:

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--13. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the aging inhibitor (D) is selected from the group consisting of: aminoethoxyvinyl glycine, aminooxyacetate hemihydrochloride, isopropylidene-aminooxyacetate-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl ester, silver thiosulfate, silver thiosulfate complex salt, aminoisobutyric acid, 1,1-dimethyl-4-(phenyl sulfonyl) semicarbazide, cispropenyl phosphonic acid, sodium tetraborate, allocoronamic acid, aminotriazole, phenanthroline, diazocyclopentadiene, isothiocyanic acid allyl ester, 2,5-norbornadiene, 1-methyl cyclopropene and ethionine.

14. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the aggregating agent for colloidal particles (E) is selected from the group consisting of: an aluminum compound, a calcium compound, a

combination of calcium chloride and phosphoric acid, and a polymer aggregate.

15. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the germicide, fungicide or preservative (F) is selected from the group consisting of: sodium hypochlorite, copper sulfate, 8-hydroxyquinoline, ethanol, isopropanol, methyl p-hydroxybenzolate, ethyl p-hydroxybenzolate, propyl p-hydroxybenzolate, butyl p-hydroxybenzolate, 1,2-benzisothiazolin-3-one, a compound represented by the formula:



or a cationic surfactant.

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16. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the component (A) is selected from the group consisting of: an alkyl glycoside, an alkyl polyglycoside, a polyoxyalkylene alkyl (poly)glycoside, an alkyl (poly)glycoside sulfate comprising an alkyl (poly)glucoside sulfated therein, a phosphated alkyl (poly)glycoside, a glyceryl etherified alkyl (poly)glycoside, a sulfosuccinated alkyl (poly)glycoside, a glyceryl-esterified alkyl (poly)glycoside, a

carboxy-alkylated alkyl (poly)glycoside, a cationic alkyl (poly)glycoside, and a betaine alkyl (poly)glycoside.

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17. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the component (A) is selected from the group consisting of: a sorbitan fatty acid ester, a polyoxyalkylene sorbitan fatty acid ester, a sucrose fatty acid ester, a sorbitol fatty acid ester, a polyoxyalkylene sorbitol fatty acid ester, a polyglycerol, a polyglycerol fatty acid ester, a glycerol fatty acid ester and a polyoxyalkylene glycerol fatty acid ester.

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18. (New) The composition as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the component (A) is a sugar-based fatty acid amide represented by the formula (1):



wherein R^1 is a C_{5-17} linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl or alkylphenyl group, R^2 is hydrogen, a C_{1-18} linear or branched alkyl or alkenyl group, $-(CH_2CH(R^3)O)_c-H$ (whereupon R^3 is hydrogen or a methyl group and c is a number selected from 0 to 10), $-CH_2CH_2OH$, $-CH_2CH(OH)CH_3$ or $-CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$, and X^1 is a polyhydroxy alkyl group comprising a C_{4-30} sugar residue.

19. (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the ratio (A)/(B) by weight is 0.0001 to 1.0; the ratio of (A)/(C) by weight is 0.001 to 1000; the ratio of (D)/(A) by weight is 0.0002 to 1000; the ratio of (A)/(E) by weight is 0.0002 to 20; or the ratio of (A)/(F) by weight is 0.0001 to 100.

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Cont* 20. (New) The composition of Claim 1, wherein component (A) is sorbitan fatty acid ester, component (B) is selected from the group consisting of: glucose, sucrose and fructose, and component (C) is gibberellin.--
